

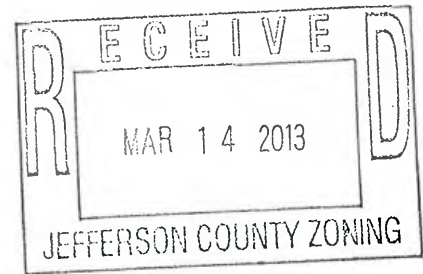
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Dear Mr. Klotz,

On Tuesday, March 26, 2013, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) in cooperation with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is hosting a Flood Risk Information Open House for Jefferson County. The event will be held at the Lake Mills Community Center in the Community Center Room, at 200 B Water Street, in Lake Mills, Wisconsin, and will begin at 6:00p.m. The governmental unit you represent recently received copies of preliminary (draft) floodplain maps, Summary of Map Actions (SOMA) lists and the Flood Insurance Study (FIS) report. The main purpose of the open house is to give you and the public an opportunity to review the preliminary maps produced for the floodplain map modernization project.

You are also invited to attend the local government officials' portion of the Open House earlier that day from 4:00-5:30pm. This meeting will also be held at the Lake Mills Community Center in the Community Center Room. At this meeting, WDNR and FEMA Officials will explain the overall mapping process, the collection of data, ordinance revision, process for appeals and other pertinent details. You will be free to ask questions and voice concerns related to the preliminary maps, SOMA lists and FIS report. And, you will be able to preview the large paper copies of the preliminary maps that will also be on display at the Open House.

The focus of the public portion of the Open House scheduled to begin at 6:00pm., is displaying the paper preliminary maps; there will not be a presentation at the evening Open House. FEMA and/or WDNR Officials will be available to address citizen concerns. Your Governmental Unit floodplain, building and zoning staff and engineers are encouraged to team with us at the Open House to present information and answer questions on your own flood protection permit requirements. Please contact me if you would like to set up a table with information so we can coordinate.

This Open House will be of particular interest to those living in or near areas of special flood hazards, realtors, insurance agents, developers and representatives of lending institutions. Members of the media and elected officials are also encouraged to attend. The DNR will publicize the event through local newspapers, libraries and builder's and realtor's associations.

If resources are available we encourage you to publicize the Open House to other groups or individuals so we have comprehensive notification of the event. Some other ideas are to post information on your website or distribute via e-newsletters and e-alerts if you have them. Or ask your local TV franchisee to post the attached flyer or scroll the information on your public access channels. Flyers could also be posted in local post offices, local government buildings and distributed to relevant organizations. Enclosed is a sample flyer and news release that you may use to publicize the Open House. Contact me if you would like an electronic copy of these notices.

Participation in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) will require that your Governmental Unit adopt the new flood risk data into appropriate flood protection regulations/ordinance by the time the new Flood Insurance

Rate Map, or FIRM, goes into effect. It is suggested that you and/or your staff thoroughly review the preliminary FIRM and FIS prior to the Open House, so that you may voice any questions or concerns at the meeting.

I look forward to your participation in the Open House and local officials meeting on Tuesday, March 26, 2013. If you have any questions regarding this meeting, please contact G. Fritz Statz at [Gordon.Statz@wisconsin.gov](mailto:Gordon.Statz@wisconsin.gov) or 608-266-2709.

Sincerely,

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